

GOODS MANUFACTURED UNDER INDO-JAPANESE COLLABORATION

714. **SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN** : Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indo-Japan business Corporation Committee has come to a conclusion to make finished products in India for export and domestic purposes under Indo-Japan collaboration; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) In the Joint Meeting of the Business Cooperation Committees of India and Japan held in New Delhi on 7th, 8th and 9th November, 1968, the Indian Delegation is understood to have indicated various fields where Japanese collaboration and cooperation would be of help. For example, in industries with large labour component, finished products could be produced in India for export to third countries as well as for consumption in the domestic markets of India and Japan. This was particularly relevant in the context of the labour shortage being experienced on an increasing scale in Japan. Also, since Japan was taking up production of more sophisticated items, other products involving simple processes could be manufactured in India.

PHOTO FILMS

715. **SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN** : Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) the present position regarding production and supply of photo films in the country ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand production of films in the unit at Ooty in Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI

AHMED) : (a) The Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. (HPF) which is a Central Government Undertaking at Ootacamund, has recently attained full production for meeting the requirements of cine film positive (black and white) and is also producing X-ray film and photographic paper. Imports of cine film positive (black and white) have been discontinued and the stocks already imported in the earlier licensing periods are being allowed to be sold on a basis of 65 (imported) 35 (HPF Product) ratio. Once these imported stocks are exhausted, the entire requirement of the country for cine film positive (black and white) will be met by the HPF. The country's requirements of black and white negative film, i.e., cine as well as roll films for still photography, will be met as the unit enters the next phase of its manufacturing programme. For the present, therefore, the requirements of other kind of photo films are met through imports.

(b) The Company has made a proposal to expand the production line for entering into the colour film field as it has been realised that there is an overwhelming trend in consumer preference for the colour film medium. The Government have asked the HPF to get a feasibility report prepared for the production of colour films at the unit.

IMPORT OF FOREIGN FILMS

716. **DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR** : Will the Minister of **COMMERCE** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign feature and educational cartoon films imported into India during the year 1967-68 together with the names of the countries from which those were imported ;

(b) the amount remitted abroad by each importer from the collections made in India together with the names of the importers ;

(c) the amount retained in India by each importer and the manner in which money retained in India is used by the importer or distributor in regard to the import of films ;